GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:916
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2001
GAP BETWEEN DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the gap between demand and supply of petrol and petroleum products during the last two years;

(b) the quantum of production, consumption and import of petrol and petroleum products and foreign exchange spent thereon during the corresponding period; and

(c) the steps being taken to bridge the gap between demand and supply?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) : Information is given in the Statement at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.916 FOR NOVEMBER, 2001 REGARDING GAP BETWEEN DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM ASKED BY SHRI G.J. JAVIYA.

(a) & (b) : The Gap between Demand and Supply of petrol and petroleum products during the last two years is given below :

PETROL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (FIGURES IN TMT)

1999-2000	322	(-) 14,150
2000-2001	1,455	(-) 711

The consumption and production of petrol and petroleum products during the last two years is given below :-

PETROL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (FIGURES IN TMT)

1999-2000		
Consumption	5,909	97,086
Production	6,231	82,936
2000-2001		
Consumption	6,613	100,075
Production	8,068	99,364

The import of petrol and petroleum products and foreign exchange spent thereon during last two years is given below :-

	1999-2000			2000-2001		
	Qty.	Value		Qty.	Value	
	`000` Tonnes	Rs. Crore	$ Million	`000` Tonnes	Rs. Crore	$ Million
Public Sector	12,313	10,402	2,394	3,007	3,793	829
Private Sector	4,295	3,783	870	6,260	8,300	1,813
Total Product Imports	16,608	14,185	3,264	9,267	12,093	2,642

(c) : The following steps are being taken to bridge the gap between Demand and Supply :-

(i) Refinery capacity in the country has been increased during the last two years by commissioning of new grass-root refineries and expansion of existing refineries. With this, the refining capacity in the country presently is marginally higher than demand.

(ii) With the present refining installed capacity of 114.7 MMTPA as on 01.10.2001, the domestic requirement of petroleum product is largely met from domestic production.

(iii) imports/exports of petroleum products are limited to imbalances in demand and production of specific products.